

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- Further, the insertion of the inner ducts through the outer duct imposes a substantial increase in installation costs, in terms of labor. The other type of multiple channel duct is disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,692,545. That reference involves a cable duct for protecting communication cable comprising an elongated body portion having a first end and a second end, the body portion further including a longitudinal axis extending between the first end and the second end; and at least two passageways formed completely through the body portion and extending substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis, each of the passageways having a cross sectional area sufficient to loosely contain at least one communication cable; wherein said body portion is constructed from a combination of materials including plastic and crumb rubber. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- Therefore, it is difficult to meet the strict needs of greater strength and greater flexibility at the same time in this type of multiple channel duct. Besides, it is easily foreseen that this type of multiple channel duct with greater percentage of crumb rubber will have passageways with less smoothness on their inside surfaces. These might be critical deficiencies in the field of cable ducts, through which fiber optic cables, electric wires or the likes like are inserted. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- The inner ducts 10 are extended co-directionally, substantially parallel, in abutting contact with each other, and have the cross sectional areas sufficient to contain at least one optical fiber cable or electric wire each other. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

B4 -- Five inner ducts 10 which are extending in substantially parallel, in contiguous abutting relationship with each other, along their longitudinal axes, are held by a corrugated tubular outer duct. Each of the inner ducts 10 is connected by flexible webs 12 11. The outer duct 20 is helically corrugated. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

B5 -- First, the embodiment in accordance with the present invention is amazingly flexible and can be coiled around the reel 30 with only two meters in diameter as shown in FIG. 5. The multiple channel duct assembly of the present invention can be ~~inecessantly~~ continuously extruded in lengths of more than one kilometer, depending upon the need of job sites for installing optic cables or electric wires. The benefits of achieving these substantially greater lengths are: (1) less connections between cables and cable duct, (2) longer life and greater reliability of the cables, and (3) faster installation and maintenance of both cables and cable duct. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

B6 -- Fourth, since both the outer duct and the inner ducts are not only made of the same material but also welded together at their contiguous portions, even though the temperature of the inner ducts and the outer duct change at job sites, the inner ducts will not move ~~longitudinally~~ longitudinally with respect to the outer duct. --
